Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Field work is completed and the estimates are being attended to.

(c) Construction of diversion works across the Pothundy and Peranda rivers and to open out the anicut systems therefrom.

(d) Water supply is expected during the Virippu and Mundakan seasons.

(e) 750 acres roughly under each inclusive of the existing dry lands proposed to be converted into wet, the existing single crop lands to be converted into double crop wet and existing double crop lands proposed to be benefited.

Discharge of a patient named Thummi from the Ernakulam General Hospital.

179. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the petitions presented by the said Thummi to the Chief Medical Officer as well as to the Diwan; and

(b) also the report, it any, of the Civil Surgeon, British Cochin, together with all the other connected papers (Vide question 152)?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Copies are appended. (*Appendices IV and V.*)

(b) The correspondence being confidential cannot be published.

Straightening of the foot-path to the fish-curing yard at Narakkal.

180. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) have the Narakkal Nayarambalam Village Panchayat and the public of Narakkal objected to the present alignment of the foot-path to the fish-curing yard;

(b) is there a canal on one side of the proposed foot-path;

(c) do the Government intend to protect the side of the foot-path with stone packing;

(d) was there not a foot-path at the site of the proposed alignment before; was not that foot-path completely washed away;

(e) how many bends are there to the foot-path according to the proposed alignment;

(f) are the Government aware that it is bad policy and more expensive to construct and maintain zig-zag paths and roads;

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(g) is there any objection in making the proposed foot-path straight ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, but the canal is not close by.

(c) No.

(d) No, and hence the latter portion calls for no remarks.

(e) There are no bends to the foot-path proposed to be constructed.

(f) Yes, in many cases.

(g) The proposed foot-path has no bends.

Appointment of Inspector of Ayurvedic Dispensaries.

181. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have appointed any one for inspection and control of Ayurvedic dispensaries in the State ;

(b) what are his qualifications and what is the pay allowed to him ;

(c) hadone P. Vasudevan Nambissan, Ayurvedic Physician at Trichur, petitioned the Government offering his services for the above work in his petition dated 22nd April 1931 ;

(d) were his qualifications and standing as an Ayurvedic Physician considered at the time of the appointment referred to in (b) ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes ; Mr. T. Achyuta Warriar, Teacher, High School, Trippunittura, has been appointed.

(b) Mr. T. Achyuta Warriar is a graduate, had five years' study in Ayurveda and seven years practice under Uzhuthra Warriar the Professor of Sanskrit in the Sanskrit College, Trippunittura and the Cochin Darbar Physician. He had also a course of study and practice in Visha Vaidyam under His Highness the Elaya Raja of Cochin. He has studied Anatomy under P. S. Warriar of Kottakkal and had training in Nursing, Bandaging, First-aid and Minor Operations in the same Hospital. He has also experience in the preparation of medicines.

He has been appointed on the following conditions:—

(1) He will be paid single second class railway fare, mileage of 4 annas and daily allowance of Re. 1 subject to the provision of the C. S. R.

(2) He will also be given an honorarium not exceeding Rs. 200 per annum.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

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